New Farm Policy

1534. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to announce a new Farm policy to cover farmers all over the country to ensure that they receive a fair deal; and remunerative prices for their produce; and

(b) if so, by when Government propose to announce that with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Draft Agriculture Policy Resolution has been placed on the Table of the House on 14th May, 1993.

Oil Palm Research Centre For Andhra Pradesh

1535. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI ; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh to locate oil palm research centre;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) The Council on the recommendation of Site Selection Team has decided with the approval of President, ICAR to establish a National Research Centre on Oil Palm in Pedavegi Village of West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Draft Memorandum of Understanding and Lease Deed format has been sent to the State Govt, of Andhra Pradesh for signing/ execution before ICAR talce over the land to start research activities thereon.

Multi-State Cashew Project

1536. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister- of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh pending before the Central Government for clearance of multi-state cashew project with World Bank assistance:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) ; (a) to (c) The Multi-state Cashew Project was launched in 1980 for implementation in the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa with credit closing date as September, 1985. The Project was extended twice upto 31st March, 1988 before termination. There is no proposal for the revival of the project.

Comprehensive Agricultural Development In Andhra Pradesh

1537. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact Andhra Pradesh was selected for taking up Comprehensive Agriculture Development Project for sustained development of agriculture on along term basis;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Andhra Pradesh is one of the States identified for taking up a World Bank assisted Comprehensive Agriculture Development Project (ADP). The comprehensive ADPs have been conceived as multi-sectional, multi-investment projects for development of agriculture on a long-term basis. After ADP formulation is completed in Assam and Madhya Pradesh, World Bank would take up new States from the pipeline which includes Andhra Pradesh.

Adverse Seasonal Conditions in Andhra Pradesh

1538. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any memorandum submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding adverse seasonal conditions;